

Chapter 6

References and Glossary



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6.2 GLOSSARY

<i>Agency</i>	Any federal, state, or county government organization participating with jurisdictional responsibilities.
<i>Air Quality</i>	The characteristics of the ambient air (all locations accessible to the general public) as indicated by concentrations of the six air pollutants for which national standards have been established (e.g., particulate matter, sulphur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide, ozone, carbon monoxide, and lead), and by visibility in mandatory Federal Class I areas. For the purposes of the Utah Smoke Management Plan, concentrations of particulate matter are taken as the primary indicators of ambient air quality.
<i>Alternative</i>	One of at least two proposed means of accomplishing planning objectives.
<i>Ambient Air</i>	Literally, the air moving around us; the air of the surrounding outside environment.
<i>Analysis</i>	The examination of existing and/or recommended management needs and their relationships to discover and display the outputs, benefits, effects, and consequences of initiating a Proposed Action.
<i>Appropriate Management Response</i>	Specific actions taken in response to a wildland fire to implement protection and fire use objectives. Responses range from full suppression to managing fire for resource benefits (fire use).
<i>Area of Critical Environmental Concern</i>	An area of public lands where special management attention is required to protect and prevent irreparable damage to important historic, cultural, or scenic values, fish and wildlife resources, or other natural systems or processes, or to protect life and provide safety from natural hazards.
<i>Aspect</i>	Direction toward which a slope faces.
<i>Assessment</i>	The act of evaluating and interpreting data and information for a defined purpose.
<i>Biological Treatment</i>	Biological treatment of vegetation could typically employ grazing by cattle, sheep, or goats, but as technology progresses, it may also include insects, but would not include the use of invertebrates or microorganisms.
<i>Biomass</i>	The dry weight of plants in a unit area.
<i>Brush</i>	A collective term that refers to stands of vegetation dominated by shrublands, shrubby woody plants, or low-growing trees.
<i>Buffer Zones</i>	An area of reduced vegetation that separates wildland from vulnerable residential or business developments or other high-value areas. This barrier is similar to a greenbelt in that it is usually used for another purpose such as agriculture, recreation areas, parks, or golf courses.

<i>Burning Conditions:</i>	The state of the combined factors of the environment – such as winds, temperature, fuel moistures, and humidity – that affect fire behavior in a specified fuel type.
<i>Burning Index</i>	An estimate of the potential difficulty of fire containment as it relates to the flame length at the most rapidly spreading portion of a fire's perimeter.
<i>Burning Period</i>	That part of each 24-hour period when fires spread most rapidly, typically from 10:00 a.m. to sundown.
<i>Cabling</i>	Same as chaining, except a cable is used instead of an anchor chain (see chaining).
<i>Chaining</i>	The process of modifying vegetation by pulling an anchor chain between two crawler tractors, thus reducing tall-growing, brittle vegetation and enhancing grasses, forbs, and sprouting shrubs.
<i>Chemical Treatment</i>	The use of herbicide to control herbaceous and woody species. BLM will use EPA-approved herbicides in accordance with EPA's Endangered Species Pesticide Program covered in BLM's <i>Vegetation Treatment on BLM Lands in Thirteen Western States FEIS</i> (May 1991).
<i>Clean Air Act</i>	A federal law enacted to insure that air quality standards are attained and maintained. Initially passed by Congress in 1963, it has been amended several times, the latest being August of 1977.
<i>Climax</i>	A terminal stage of ecological succession in which the vegetation association remains stable over a relatively long period.
<i>Closure</i>	Legal restriction – but not necessarily elimination – of specified activities such as smoking, camping, or entry that might cause fires in a given area.
<i>Collaboration</i>	A cooperative process in which interested parties, often with widely varied interests, work together to seek solutions with broad support, for managing public and other lands.
<i>Composition</i>	The numbers and kinds of plants and animals in an area.
<i>Condition Class</i>	Associated with Fire Regime in this document. A fire regime condition class (FRCC) is a classification of the amount of departure from the natural regime. The three classes are based on low (FRCC 1), moderate (FRCC 2), and high (FRCC 3) departure from the central tendency of the natural (historical) regime. See: www.frcc.gov .
<i>Criteria Pollutants</i>	Air pollutants designated by the Environmental Protection Agency as potentially harmful and for which ambient air standards have been set to protect the public health and welfare. The criteria pollutants are carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, particulate, nitrogen dioxide, ozone, hydrocarbons and lead.
<i>Critical Habitat</i>	Federally-mandated (under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended) designation for threatened or endangered species that is proposed, designated, and managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

<i>Critical Seasonal Use Area</i>	Designation provided by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources for the most important / valuable big game seasonal use areas in the state that they manage.
<i>Crown Fire (Crowning)</i>	The movement of fire through the crowns (top) of trees or shrubs more or less independently of the surface fire.
<i>Cultural Resources</i>	Those resources of historical, archaeological, or paleontological significance. Non-renewable elements of the physical and human environment including archaeological remains (evidence of prehistoric or historic human activities) and sociocultural values traditionally held by ethnic groups (sacred places, traditionally used raw materials, etc.).
<i>Cumulative Effects</i>	Cumulative effects result from the impacts of past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future activities combined with the projected direct and indirect effects of each alternative considered.
<i>Direct Effects</i>	Direct effects are those consequences that are expected to occur following implementation of an alternative. Direct effects are caused by the action and occur at the same time and place as the action.
<i>Disturbance</i>	Any relatively discrete event, either natural or human-induced that causes a change in the existing condition of an ecological system.
<i>Ecosystem</i>	An arrangement of organisms defined by the interactions and processes that occur between them. Ecosystems are often defined by their composition, function, and structure.
<i>Ecosystem Sustainability</i>	The ability to sustain diversity, productivity, resilience to stress, health, renewability, and/or yields of desired values, resource uses, products, or services from an ecosystem while maintaining the integrity of the ecosystem over time.
<i>Emergency Stabilization and Restoration</i>	Planned actions to stabilize and prevent unacceptable degradation to natural and cultural resources after unplanned wildfires.
<i>Emission</i>	Pollutants released to the atmosphere from any combustion process. Sometimes used synonymously with effluent, but is more applicable to atmospheric discharges.
<i>Endangered Species</i>	Any animal or plant species in danger of extinction in a portion of its range. This is a federal designation (under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 as amended). Most of these species fall under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
<i>Endemic</i>	A species restricted to a given geographical location and which is native to that locale.
<i>Environment</i>	All that surrounds an organism and interacts with it.
<i>Environmental Assessment (EA)</i>	EAs were authorized by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969. They are concise, analytical documents prepared

with public participation that determine whether an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is needed for a particular project or action. If an EA determines an EIS is not needed, the EA becomes the document allowing agency compliance with NEPA requirements.

Environmental Impact

Statement (EIS)

EISs were authorized by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969. Prepared with public participation, they assist decision makers by providing information, analysis, and an array of action alternatives, allowing managers to see the probable effects of decisions on the environment. Generally, EISs are written for large-scale actions or geographical areas.

Environmental Justice

The fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. Fair treatment means that no group of people, including racial, ethnic, or socioeconomic group should bear a disproportionate share of the negative environmental consequences resulting from industrial, municipal, and commercial operations or the execution of Federal, state, local, and tribal programs and policies.

Ephemeral

A stream that flows only in direct response to precipitation, and whose channel is above the water table at all times.

Fine (Light) Fuels

Fast-drying fuels, generally with a comparatively high surface area-to-volume ratio, which is less than ¼-inch in diameter and has a time lag of one hour or less. These fuels readily ignite and are rapidly consumed by fire when dry.

Fire Intensity

A general term relating to the heat energy released by a fire.

Fire Management

Fire management refers to the full spectrum of activities including: fire suppression, wildland fire use, prescribed fire, non-fire fuels treatment, and emergency stabilization and rehabilitation.

Fire Management Area

A sub-geographic area within an FMU that represents a predefined acceptable management area for a fire managed for resource benefits. This predefined area can constitute a Maximum Manageable Area (MMA) and is useful for those units having light fuel types conducive to very rapid spread rates. Predefinition of these areas removes the time-lag in defining an MMA after ignition and permits preplanning of the fire area; identification of threats to life and property, resources, and boundaries; and identification of initial actions.

Fire Management Plan

(FMP)

A FMP is a functional activity plan for the fire management program. The FMP is the primary tool for translating programmatic direction developed in the land management plan into on-the-ground action. The FMP synthesizes broad fire management goals and places them into a strategic context. Criteria for making initial action decisions must be a component of the FMP.

Fire Management Unit

(FMU)

Any land management area definable by objectives, topographic features, access, values-to-be-protected, political boundaries, fuel types, or major fire regimes, etc., that set it apart from management characteristics of an adjacent unit. FMUs are delineated in FMPs. These units have dominant management objectives and preselected strategies assigned to accomplish these objectives.

Fire Regime

The fire pattern across the landscape, characterized by occurrence interval and relative intensity. Fire regimes result from a unique combination of climate and vegetation. Fire regimes exist on a continuum from short-interval, low-intensity fires to long-interval, high-intensity fires. The five natural (historical) fire regimes are classified based on average number of years between fires (fire frequency) combined with the severity (amount of replacement) of the fire on the dominant overstory vegetation. These five regimes include:

- I – 0-35 year frequency and low (surface fires most common) to mixed severity (less than 75% of the dominant overstory vegetation replaced);
- II – 0-35 year frequency and high (stand replacement) severity (greater than 75% of the dominant overstory vegetation replaced);
- III – 35-100+ year frequency and mixed severity (less than 75% of the dominant overstory vegetation replaced);
- IV – 35-100+ year frequency and high (stand replacement) severity (greater than 75% of the dominant overstory vegetation replaced);
- V – 200+ year frequency and high (stand replacement) severity. (See www.frcc.gov)

Fire Return Interval

The number of years between two successive fires in a designated area.

Fire Season

1) Period(s) of the year during which wildland fires are likely to occur, spread, and affect resource values sufficient to warrant organized fire management activities. 2) A legally enacted time during which burning activities are regulated by state or local authority.

Fire Severity

Fire severity is a product of fire intensity and residence time at a site. Severity denotes the effects, from low to high, of fire on the soil and vegetation components of a site.

Fire Use

The combination of wildland fire use and prescribed fire application to meet resource objectives.

Fireline

A linear fire barrier that is cleared of fuels and scraped or dug to mineral soil. Also called control line, containment line or line.

Forage

Vegetation of all forms available and of a type used for animal consumption.

<i>Forbs</i>	Plants with soft, rather than permanent, woody stems that are not grass or grass-like plants.
<i>Forest Products</i>	Woodland and timber products, such as posts, poles, firewood, Christmas trees, and sawlogs.
<i>Fuel</i>	A combustible material, including vegetation such as grass, leaves, ground litter, plants, shrubs, and trees that feed a fire. (See Surface Fuels.)
<i>Fuel Reduction</i>	Manipulation, including combustion and/or or removal of fuels to reduce the likelihood of ignition and/or to lessen potential damage and resistance to control.
<i>Fuels Management</i>	The practice of evaluating, planning, and executing the treatment of wildland fuel to control flammability and reduce the resistance to control through mechanical, chemical, biological, or manual means, or by prescribed and wildland fire, in support of land management objectives.
<i>Fuel Type</i>	An identifiable association of fuel elements of a distinctive plant species, form, size, arrangement, or other characteristics that will cause a predictable rate of fire spread or difficulty of control under specified weather conditions.
<i>Full Fire Suppression</i>	The full suppression of wildfires with whatever combination of manpower, equipment, and judgment is required.
<i>Geographic Area</i>	A political boundary designated by the wildland fire protection agencies, where these agencies work together in the coordination and effective utilization of resources. See www.fs.fed.us/fire/reports.shtml for a listing of and links to Geographic Area Coordination Centers.
<i>Goal</i>	A concise statement that describes a desired condition to be achieved sometime in the future. It is normally expressed in broad, general terms (usually not quantifiable) and is timeless in that it has no specific date by which it is to be completed. Goal statements form the principle basis from which objectives are developed.
<i>Grazing Permit</i>	An authorization that allows grazing on public lands. Permits specify class of livestock on a designated area during specified seasons each year. Permits are of two types: preference (10 year) and temporary non-renewable (1 year).
<i>Ground Fuel</i>	All combustible materials below the surface litter (including duff, tree or shrub roots, punchy wood, peat, and sawdust) that normally support a glowing combustion without flame.
<i>Guideline</i>	Actions or management practices that may be used to achieve desired outcomes, sometimes expressed in Best Management Practices (BMPs). Guidelines may be identified during the land use planning process, but they are not considered a land use decision unless the plan specifies that they are mandatory. Guidelines for grazing administration must conform to 43 CFR 4180.2
<i>Habitat</i>	A specific set of physical conditions in geographical area(s) that surround a single species, a group of species, or a large

community. In wildlife management, the major components of habitat are: food, water, cover and living space.

Historic and Cultural Sites

(43 CFR 2071.1)

Sites of major historical and cultural significance, national, regional, or local. These are usually small tracts of land containing significant evidence of American history, such as battlegrounds, mining camps, cemeteries, pioneer trails, and trading posts; or lands that contain significant evidence of prehistoric life such as pictographs, petroglyphs, burial grounds, prehistoric structures, middens, fossils, paleontological remains, and any other evidences of prehistoric life forms.

Implementation Plan

A sub-geographic or site-specific plan written to implement decisions made in a land use plan. Implementation plans include both activity plans and project plans.

Incident

A human-caused or natural occurrence, such as wildland fire, that requires emergency service action to prevent or reduce the loss of life or damage to property or natural resources. Incident management teams also handle other non-fire emergency response, including tornadoes, floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, and other disasters or large events.

Indirect Effects

Indirect effects are those consequences, which are expected to occur following implementation of an alternative. Indirect effects are caused by the action and occur later in time or farther from the activity.

Interdisciplinary Team

A team representing several disciplines to ensure coordinated planning of the various resources.

Intermittent or seasonal

A stream that flows only at certain times of the year when it receives water from springs or from some surface source such as melting snow in mountainous areas.

Ladder Fuels

Fuels which provide vertical continuity between strata and allow fire to carry from surface fuels into the crowns of trees or shrubs with relative ease. They help initiate and assure the continuation of crowning.

Land Use Plan

A set of decisions that establish management direction for land within an administrative area. An assimilation of land-use-plan-level decisions developed through the planning process outlined in 43 CFR 1600, regardless of the scale at which the decisions were developed. The term includes both RMPs, MMPs, and MFPs.

Landscape

An area of interacting and interconnected patterns of habitats (ecosystems) that are repeated because of the geology, land form, soil, climate, biota, and human influences throughout the area. Landscape structure is formed by disturbance events, successional development of landscape structure, and flows of energy and nutrients through the structure of the landscape. A landscape is composed of watersheds and smaller ecosystems. It is the building block of biotic provinces and regions.

<i>Large Fire</i>	1) For statistical purposes, a fire burning more than 100 acres. 2) A fire burning with a size and intensity such that its behavior is determined by interaction between its own convection column and weather conditions above the surface.
<i>Light (Fine) Fuels</i>	Fast-drying fuels, generally with a comparatively high surface area-to-volume ratio, which is less than ¼-inch in diameter and has a timelag of one hour or less. These fuels ignite readily and are rapidly consumed by fire when dry.
<i>Limited Fire Suppression</i>	This is a wildfire suppression action that recognizes that fire in certain areas is: (1) extremely difficult to suppress (hazardous to fire-fighting personnel or suppression operation including aircraft); (2) the resource value threatened does not warrant the expense associated with a full suppression action.
<i>Litter</i>	Top layer of the forest, scrubland, or grassland floor, directly above the fermentation layer, composed of loose debris of dead sticks, branches, twigs, and recently fallen leaves or needles, little altered in structure by decomposition.
<i>Long-term</i>	Defined in this document as 10 years or more. This applies to any long-term use.
<i>Management Concern</i>	An issue, problem, or condition that constrains the range of management practices identified by the Forest Service in the planning process.
<i>Management Direction</i>	A statement of multiple-use and other goals and objectives, associated management prescriptions, and standards and guidelines for attaining them.
<i>Management Framework</i>	
<i>Plan</i>	A land use plan for public lands administered by BLM that provides a set of goals, objectives, and constraints for a specific planning unit or area; a guide to the development of detailed plans for the management of each resource. This form of plan is now being replaced with Resource Management Plans.
<i>Management Practice</i>	A specific activity, measure, course of action, or treatment.
<i>Mechanical Treatment</i>	Mechanical treatments of vegetation employ several different types of equipment to suppress, inhibit, or control herbaceous and woody vegetation. For the purposes of this plan, mechanical treatments may include employing the following: cabling, chaining, disking (or disk plowing), bulldozing, mowing, beating, crushing, chopping or shredding vegetation using a variety of mechanized equipment.
<i>Monitoring (Plan Monitoring)</i>	The process of tracking the implementation of land use plan decisions and collecting and assessing data and/or information necessary to evaluate the effectiveness of land use planning decisions.

National Ambient Air Quality

Standards Standards for maximum acceptable concentrations of pollutants in the ambient air to protect public health with an adequate margin of safety, and to protect public welfare from any known or anticipated adverse effects of such pollutants (e.g., visibility impairment, soiling, materials damage, etc.) in the ambient air.

National Environmental

Policy Act (NEPA) NEPA is the basic national law for protection of the environment, passed by Congress in 1969. It sets policy and procedures for environmental protection, and authorizes Environmental Impact Statements and Environmental Assessments to be used as analytical tools to help federal managers make decisions on management of federal lands.

Native Range Those rangelands that support natural vegetation as opposed to reseeded ranges which usually contain introduced vegetation.

Natural Ignition A wildland fire ignited by a natural event, such as lightning.

Naturalness An area which "generally appears to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature, with the imprint of man's work substantially unnoticeable". (Section 2[c], *Wilderness Act*).

Nonattainment Area An area which is shown by monitored data or which is calculated by air quality modeling (or other methods determined by the Administrator, EPA to be reliable) to exceed any National Ambient Air Quality Standard for such pollutant and includes any area designated as nonattainment under 42 USC 7407.

Non-fire fuel treatments Includes manual, mechanical, biological, chemical, and seeding actions.

Objective A concise, time-specific statement of measurable planned results that respond to pre-established goals. An objective forms the basis for further planning to define the precise steps to be taken and the resources to be used in achieving identified goals.

Off-road Vehicle Any motorized vehicle designated for or capable of cross-country travel over lands, water, sand, snow, ice, marsh, swampland, or other terrain excluding: (1) any nonamphibious registered motorboat; (2) any military, fire, emergency, or law enforcement vehicle while being used for emergency purposes; (3) any vehicle whose use is expressly authorized by the authorized officer, or otherwise officially approved; (4) vehicles in official use; and (5) any combat or combat support vehicle used in national defense.

Old Growth A wooded area, usually greater than 200 years of age, which has never been altered or harvested by humans. An old-growth forest often has large individual trees, a multi-layered crown canopy, and a significant accumulation of coarse woody debris including snags and fallen logs. Utah BLM will adopt the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) old-growth definitions and identification standards per the USFS document "Characteristics of Old-Growth Forests in the Intermountain Region" (April 1993). In instances where the area of application in the previous document does not apply to specific

species (e.g., *Pinus edulis*), use the document, "Recommended Old-Growth Definitions and Descriptions, UDSA Forest Service Southwestern Region" (Sept.1992).

<i>Particulate Matter (PM)</i>	Any airborne finely divided material, except uncombined water, which exists as a solid or liquid at standard conditions (e.g., dust, smoke mist, fumes, or smog).
<i>Perennial</i>	A stream that flows continuously. Perennial streams are generally associated with a water table in the localities through which they flow.
<i>Permitted Use</i>	The forage allocated by, or under the guidance of, an applicable land use plan for livestock grazing in an allotment under a permit or lease; expressed in animal unit months (AUMs) (43 CFR 4100.0-5).
<i>Planning Analysis</i>	A process using appropriate resource data and NEPA analysis to provide a basis for decisions in areas not yet covered by an RMP.
<i>Planning Area</i>	One or more planning units for which Management Framework Plans were prepared under previous BLM planning procedures.
<i>Planning Unit</i>	As used in previous BLM planning, a geographical unit within a BLM district. It included related lands, resources, and use pressure problems that were considered together for resource inventory and planning.
<i>Plant Composition</i>	The mixture of plants found in a vegetation type or study area usually expressed in percents as related to all other plants.
<i>PM 10</i>	Particles with an aerodynamic diameter less than or equal to a nominal 10 micrometers (including PM 2.5).
<i>PM 2.5</i>	Particles with an aerodynamic diameter less than or equal to a nominal 2.5 micrometers.
<i>Prescribed Fire</i>	Any fire ignited by management actions under certain predetermined conditions to meet specific objectives related to hazardous fuels or habitat improvement. A written prescribed fire plan must exist, and NEPA requirements must be met prior to ignition.
<i>Prescription</i>	Measurable criteria that define conditions under which a prescribed fire may be ignited, guide selection of appropriate management responses, and indicate other required actions. Prescription criteria may include a combination of safety, economic, public health, environmental, geographic, administrative, social, or legal considerations.
<i>Prevention</i>	Activities directed at reducing the incidence of fires, including public education, law enforcement, personal contact, and reduction of fuel hazards.
<i>Proper Functioning Condition</i>	Riparian-wetland areas are functioning property when adequate vegetation, landform, or large woody debris is present to dissipate stream energy associated with high waterflows, thereby reducing erosion and improving water quality; filter sediment, capture bedload, and aid floodplain development; improve floodwater

retention and groundwater recharge; develop root masses that stabilize streambanks against cutting action; develop diverse ponding and channel characteristics to provide the habitat and the water depth, duration, and temperature necessary for fish production, waterfowl breeding, and other uses; and support greater biodiversity. The functioning condition of riparian-wetland areas is influenced by geomorphic features, soil, water, and vegetation. Uplands function properly when the existing vegetation and ground cover maintain soil conditions capable of sustaining natural biotic communities. The functioning condition of uplands is influenced by geographic features, soil, water, and vegetation.

Public Lands

Any lands or interest in lands outside of Alaska owned by the United States and administered by the Secretary of the Interior through the BLM, except located on the Outer Continental Shelf and lands held for the benefit of Indians.

Public Participation

The process of attaining citizen input into each planning document development stage. It is required as a major input into the BLM's planning system.

Range Improvements

(Structural / Nonstructural)

Any activity or program on or relating to rangelands designed to improve forage production, change vegetation composition, control patterns of use, provide water, stabilize soil and water conditions, and enhance habitat for livestock, wildlife, and wild horses and burros. Rangeland improvements include non-structural land treatments (such as chaining, seeding, and burning), and structural (such as stockwater developments, fences, and trails).

Rangeland

Land dominated by vegetation that is useful for grazing and browsing by animals. "Range" and "rangeland" are used interchangeably.

Raptors

Birds of prey, such as the eagle, falcon, hawk, owl, or vulture.

Recreation Opportunities

Favorable circumstances enabling visitors' engagement in a leisure activity to realize immediate psychological experiences and attain more lasting, value-added beneficial outcomes.

Region

May be any geographical area larger than a planning area (Socio-Economic Profile Area, sub-State, State, Multi-State, or National), appropriate for comparative area analysis and for which information is available. Regions may be different for different resources or subject matter analysis.

Regional Haze

Generally, concentrations of fine particles in the atmosphere extending up to hundreds of miles across a region and promoting noticeably hazy conditions; wide-spread visibility impairment, especially in mandatory Class I Federal areas where visibility is an important value.

Rehabilitation

The activities necessary to repair damage or disturbance caused by wildland fires or the fire suppression activity.

Research Natural Areas

(43 CFR 8223)

This is an area that is established and maintained for the primary purpose of research and education because the land has one or more of the following characteristics: (1) A typical representation of a common plant or animal association; (2) an unusual plant or animal association; (3) a threatened or endangered plant or animal species; (4) a typical representation of common geologic, soil, or water features; or (5) outstanding or unusual geologic, soil, or water features.

Resource Area

A geographic portion of a BLM district: An administrative subdivision whose manager has primary responsibility for day-to-day resource management activities and resource use allocations. In most instances it is the area for which Resource Management Plans are prepared and maintained.

Resource Management Plan

(RMP)

A document prepared by field office staff with public participation and approved by field office managers that provides general guidance and direction for land management activities at a field office. The RMP identifies the need for fire in a particular area and for a specific benefit.

Resources

1) Personnel, equipment, services, and supplies available or potentially available for assignment to incidents. 2) The natural resources of an area, such as timber, grass, watershed values, recreation values, and wildlife habitat.

Retardant

A substance or chemical agent which reduces the flammability of combustibles.

Riparian Habitat

A native environment growing near streams, reservoirs, ponds, etc. that provides food, cover, water, and living space (permanent or intermittent). It is usually unique or limited in arid regions and is, therefore, of great importance to a wide variety of wildlife.

Seeding (and Planting)

Involves the introduction of seeds and plants to a site that alters existing plant communities and influences successional processes.

Sensitive Species

Species not yet officially listed but that are undergoing status review for listing on the Fish and Wildlife Service official threatened and endangered list; species whose populations are small and widely dispersed or restricted to a few localities; and species whose numbers are declining so rapidly that official listing may be necessary.

Severity

Degree to which a site has been altered or disrupted by fire; loosely, a product of fire intensity and residence time (duration) of the fire. Severity denotes the effects, from low to high, of fire on the soil and vegetation components of a site.

Short-term

Defined in this document as 1 to 5 years. This applies to any "short-term" use.

<i>Slash</i>	Debris left after logging, pruning, thinning, or brush cutting; includes logs, chips, bark, branches, stumps, and broken understory trees or brush.
<i>Smoke Management</i>	Conducting a prescribed fire under fuel moisture and meteorological conditions, and with firing techniques that keep the smoke's impact on the environment within acceptable limits.
<i>Smoke Management Program (SMP)</i>	Establishes a basic framework of procedures and requirements for managing smoke from fires that are managed for resource benefits. The purposes of SMPs are to mitigate the nuisance and public safety hazards (e.g., on roadways and at airports) posed by smoke intrusions into populated areas; to prevent deterioration of air quality and NAAQS violations; and to address visibility impacts in mandatory Class I Federal areas in accordance with the regional haze rules.
<i>Soil Compaction</i>	Increasing the soil bulk density, and concomitantly decreasing the soil porosity, by the application of mechanical forces to the soil.
<i>Soil Disturbance</i>	Physical disturbance of the vegetation or soil surface by any action, usually via mechanical or manual tools. Includes all activities except casual use, wildland fire and prescribed fire treatments. See "surface disturbance."
<i>Special Recreation Management Areas</i>	Recreation management areas that receive emphasis and priority in BLM's recreation planning and management efforts. The recreation resources in these areas require explicit management to provide specified recreation setting, activity, and experience opportunities. Recreation management objectives will provide explicit guidelines with respect to the existing opportunities and problems in these areas. Recreation Management Plans will subsequently be prepared for special recreation management areas using RMP objectives for guidance.
<i>Special Status Species</i>	Includes proposed species, listed species, and candidate species under the Endangered Species Act; state-listed species; and BLM state director-designated sensitive species (see BLM Manual 6840, Special Status Species Policy).
<i>Standard</i>	Forest plan standards describe a condition of land, normally a maximum or minimum condition, which is measurable. A standard can also be expressed as a constraint on management activities or practices. Deviation from compliance with a standard requires a forest plan amendment.
<i>State Implementation Plan</i>	A Clean Air Act required document in which States adopt emission reduction measures necessary to attain and maintain NAAQS, and meet other requirements of the Act.
<i>State Lands</i>	Lands controlled or administered by the State of Utah.
<i>Strategy</i>	The science and art of command as applied to the overall planning and conduct of an incident.

<i>Structure</i>	The sizes, shapes, and/or ages of the plants and animals in an area.
<i>Succession</i>	Observed process of change in the species structure (and composition) of an ecological community over time.
<i>Suppression</i>	A management action intended to extinguish a fire or alter its direction of spread.
<i>Subsoiling</i>	Any treatment to non-invasively loosen soil below the Ap horizon with a minimum of vertical mixing of the soil. Any treatment to fracture and/or shatter soil with narrow tools below the depth of normal tillage without inversion and with a minimum mixing of the soil. This loosening is usually performed by lifting action or other displacement of soil dry enough so that shattering occurs.
<i>Surface Disturbance</i>	Any surface disturbing activity (does not include fire). Disturbance of the vegetative or soil surface by any action. Includes all activities but casual use and wildland fire or fire treatments. See "soil disturbance."
<i>Surface Fuels</i>	Loose surface litter on the soil surface, normally consisting of fallen leaves or needles, twigs, bark, cones, and small branches that have not yet decayed enough to lose their identity; also grasses, forbs, low and medium shrubs, tree seedlings, heavier branchwood, downed logs, and stumps interspersed with or partially replacing the litter.
<i>Sustainability</i>	The ability to maintain a desired condition or flow of benefits over time.
<i>Tactics</i>	Deploying and directing resources on an incident to accomplish the objectives designated by strategy.
<i>Total Maximum Daily Load</i>	An estimate of the total quantity of pollutants (from all sources: point, nonpoint, and natural) that may be allowed into waters without exceeding applicable water quality criteria.
<i>Values At Risk</i>	To rate according to a relative estimate of worth when exposed to a chance of loss or damage.
<i>Vegetation Treatment</i>	Changing the characteristics of an established vegetation type to improve rangeland forage or wildlife habitat resources. Treatments are designed for specific areas and differ according to the area's suitability and potential. The most common land treatment methods alter the vegetation by chaining, spraying with herbicides, burning, and plowing, followed by seeding with well adapted desirable plant species.
<i>Vegetation</i>	Plants in general or the sum total of the plant life above and below ground in an area.
<i>Visibility</i>	The greatest distance in a given direction where it is possible to see and identify with the unaided eye a prominent dark object against the sky at the horizon.
<i>Visual Resource Management</i>	Management classes are determined on the basis of overall scenic quality, distance from travel routes, and sensitivity to

change. *Class I*: Provides primarily for natural ecological changes only. It is applied to wilderness areas, some natural areas, and similar situations where management activities are to be restricted. *Class II*: Changes in the basic elements caused by a management activity should not be evident in the characteristic landscape. A contrast may be seen but should not attract attention. *Class III*: Changes in the basic elements caused by a management activity may be evident in the characteristic landscape, but the changes should remain subordinate to the visual strength of the character. *Class IV*: Changes may subordinate the original composition and character but must reflect what could be a natural occurrence within the characteristic landscape. *Class V*: Change is needed. This class applies to areas where the naturalistic character has been disturbed to a point where rehabilitation is needed to bring it back into character with the surrounding landscape.

<i>Wetlands</i>	Lands including swamps, marshes, bogs, and similar areas, such as wet meadows. They also include River overflows, mud flats, and natural ponds.
<i>Wilderness Area</i>	An area officially designated as wilderness by Congress. Wilderness areas will be managed to preserve wilderness characteristics and shall be devoted to the public purposes of recreation, scenic, scientific, educational, conservation, and historical use.
<i>Wilderness Study Area</i>	Areas under study for possible inclusion as a Wilderness Area in the National Wilderness Preservation System.
<i>Wilderness</i>	An area where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain. An area of undeveloped Federal land retaining its primeval character and influence without permanent improvements or human habitations.
<i>Wildfire</i>	A free-burning fire requiring a suppression response.
<i>Wildland</i>	Any area under fire management jurisdiction of a land management agency.
<i>Wildland Fire Management Program</i>	The full range of activities and functions necessary for planning, preparedness, emergency suppression operations, and emergency rehabilitation of wildland fires, and prescribed fire operations, including natural fuels management to reduce risks to public safety and to restore and sustain ecosystem health.
<i>Wildland Fire Situation Analysis</i>	A decision making process that evaluates alternative management strategies against selected criteria (e.g., safety, environmental, social, political, economic), and resource management objectives.
<i>Wildland Fire Suppression</i>	An appropriate management response to wildland fire that results in curtailment of fire spread and eliminates all identified threats from the particular fire. All wildland fire suppression activities provide for firefighter and public safety as the highest

consideration, but minimize loss of resource values, economic expenditures, and/or the use of critical firefighting resources.

Wildland Fire

Any non-structure fire, other than prescribed fire, that occurs in the wildland.

Wildland Fire Use

The management of naturally ignited wildland fires to accomplish specific pre-stated resource management objectives in predefined geographic areas outlined in an FMP. Operational management is described in the WFIP. Wildland fire use is not to be confused with "fire use," a broader term encompassing more than just wildland fires.

Wildland Urban Interface

The line, area, or zone where structures and other human development meet or intermingle with undeveloped wildland or vegetative fuels. Because of their location these structures are extremely vulnerable to fire should an ignition occur in the surrounding area.

Woodland

Forest lands stocked with other than timber species (i.e. pinyon, juniper, mountain mahogany, etc.). A plant community in which, in contrast to a typical forest, the trees are often small, and relatively short compared to their crown (i.e., pinyon, juniper). Uses of the woodland products are generally limited to firewood, posts, and harvest of fruit (pinyon nuts).